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TITLE OF CASE <b>CHANGED RICHARD ZIMMERMAN; RONALD PEREGRIN; ELLSWORTH SAWYER, aka Buzz; MICHAEL TURNIPSEED - VICTIM; DON DILLON - VICTIM</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA JAMES A. GIRARD</b>	TYPED BY <b>rmh</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>CR</b>	

Title "CHANGED" to complete the name RONALD PEREGRIN previously reported as RON PEREGRIN.

REFERENCE: Seattle airtel to the Bureau, dated 4/22/71.

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Copy to: 1 - United States Attorney, Seattle, Washington

Report of: SA JAMES A. GIRARD  
Date: MAY 5, 1971

Office: SEATTLE

Field Office File #: SE 44-491

Bureau File #:

Title: RICHARD ZIMMERMAN;  
RONALD PEREGRIN;  
ELLSWORTH SAWYER;  
MICHAEL TURNIPSEED - VICTIM;  
DON DILLON - VICTIM

Character:

CIVIL RIGHTS

COMPLAINANT

HANK ADAMS

Synopsis: Allegation made by HENRY LYLE ADAMS that the Washington State Game Department Officials stood by while nets of MICHAEL TURNIPSEED and DON DILLON were stolen. TURNIPSEED does not recall the event nor does he know a DON DILLON. State Game Officials do not recall the theft of the TURNIPSEED net, but SAWYER recalled arriving at the Puyallup River and noting a similar incident after it was over.

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DETAILS:

THIS IS A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION.

This investigation was initiated upon receipt of a letter from United States Attorney STAN PITKIN in which he requested further investigation concerning the "HANK ADAMS" case, and in addition, he stated at the conclusion of this letter:

"III. Enclosed is a copy of a March 2, 1971 statement by Mr. Adams containing allegations of unlawful conduct (18 USC, Paragraphs 241, 242, and 245) by officers of various state agencies. Please conduct a preliminary investigation of each of the following allegations, assigning separate headings for each allegation:

"IV. The taking of nets from MICHAEL TURNIPSEED and DON DILLON by RICHARD ZIMMERMAN, RON PEREGRIN, ELLSWORTH (BUZZ) SAWYER, and other persons on February 20, 1971."

The portion of the "statement" by ADAMS which concerns this incident is as follows:

"On February 20, 1971, Patrolmen ZIMMERMAN, PEREGRIN, and BUZZ SAWYER, accompanied more than 100 white people organized by the Committee to Save Our Fish to a net fishing activity for taking steelhead on the Puyallup River. The Game Officer stood by while the sportsmen stole the fishing nets of MIKE TURNIPSEED and DON DILLON, Puyallup Indians, and while other sportsmen throw rocks at Indians who had arrived in the area. The Patrolmen stated that they would not arrest white fishermen while the courts let Indians fish with nets. No 'unlawful assembly' was declared."

At the initiation of this investigation Mr. WALTER A. NEUBRECH, Chief of Enforcement, Department of Game, State of Washington, Olympia, Washington, was advised that the investigation was being initiated.

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WALTER A. NEUBRECH, Chief of Enforcement, Department of Game, State of Washington, Olympia, advised that he is the superior of RICHARD ZIMMERMAN, RICHARD WAYNE SMITH, RONALD PEREGRIN, and ELSWORTH (BUZ) SAWYER, who are all employed in the Enforcement Division. He furnished the following information:

HENRY LYLE ADAMS, who describes himself as the Executive Director of the Survival of American Indians Association, is a well known agitator amongst local Indians. He is a quarter breed from Montana and not a member of any local tribes. Several years ago, while business agent for the Quillayute Indians, he was accused of embezzling tribal funds and banished from their reservation. He then went to the Quinault Indian Reservation and because of his agitation was banished from that reservation by the local Indian tribe. He is considered a renegade by the Nisqually Indians; however, married the daughter of AL BRIDGES, who is a Puyallup Indian, living on the Nisqually River.

A fishing net capable of trapping game fish, set in a river, is considered prima facie evidence of a violation of state laws. Court decisions, including "State versus Puyallup" and "State versus Moses" have upheld the state statutes involving net fishing in the rivers of the State of Washington. Concerning the incident which took place on February 20, 1971, on the Puyallup River in Pierce County, he said that he knew of no taking of nets from any Indians by game or other state officials. He did recall the group of non-Indians described as "People or Committee to Save Our Fish." He said he received a telephone call from an unidentified person who claimed to be a member of this committee shortly prior to this time, advising him that they planned on putting a net in the river and asking him that they be arrested and then later turned loose. He told this person that their department made no differentiation between Indians and non-Indians that anyone putting a net capable of taking fish into the river would be subject to arrest and prosecution.

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by SA ROBERT H. WICK/mlc 3 Date dictated 4/30/71

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He stated that between the time when the demonstrations in the Puyallup area began and the first of March, there was daily activity along the Puyallup River, involving Indians and non-Indians and law enforcement officers, spectators and curious on-lookers.

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AT TACOMA, WASHINGTON

On April 28, 1971, the records of the Tacoma Police Department reflected a complaint #403931, by MICHAEL TURNIPSEED, 1741 East Kent Street, indicating as follows:

His net had been stolen on February 20, 1971, at the Burlington-Northern Railroad Bridge on the Puyallup River and had been witnessed by a CHARLES CANTRELL. He suspected several white adults. The report indicated that the gill net had been removed in his absence from the Puyallup River and he had been informed by CANTRELL at a later date that CANTRELL had observed several unknown white adults remove the net from the River and leave the scene at about 1400 on February 20, 1971.

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MICHAEL TURNIPSEED, 3319 $\frac{1}{2}$  Pacific Avenue, advised that he is not enrolled as an Indian, but his mother is BERTHA JANE CROSS TURNIPSEED who is on the 1936 rolls and is three-quarter Puyallup Indian. Her husband and his father is P. R. TURNIPSEED who is Caucasian, but possibly has one-eighth Sioux.

When questioned concerning the theft of his net on February 20, 1971, and which might have involved up to 100 Caucasians, he stated that he was not familiar with this particular incident. He advised that he has lost several nets by theft on the Puyallup River, but could not place this particular situation. Further, he stated that he does not know a DON DILLON although he does know a DILLON by the name of "DUTCHMAN". However, he stated that there is no incident on the Puyallup River that would involve any net of his and DILLON's.

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RICHARD T. ZIMMERMAN, Regional Wildlife Agent, Department of Game, residence Route 2, 3631 Ruddell Road, Olympia, Washington, was advised of the allegations made by HENRY LYLE ADAMS and executed a Warning and Waiver form. Mr. ZIMMERMAN furnished the following information:

He has no personal recollection or notes on any incident involving Indian fishing on February 20, 1971 and denied the taking of any nets belonging to MICHAEL TURNIPSEED or DON DILLON on that date.

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1Date May 3, 1971

RONALD J. PEREGRIN, Wildlife Agent, Washington State Department of Game, home address 19515 - 67th East, Sumner, Washington, was interviewed in Department of Game Offices at Olympia, Washington. He was advised of the assertions made by HENRY LYLE ADAMS and executed a Warning and Waiver form. Mr. PEREGRIN furnished the following information:

He had no recollection or knowledge concerning the taking of nets from MICHAEL TURNIPSEED or DON DILLON on February 20, 1971. It was his recollection that he was in the Puyallup River area on that date; however, he had no knowledge of any removal of any nets involving these or other Indians on that date.

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Mr. ELLSWORTH SAWYER, also known as BUZZ, Assistant Chief, Wildlife Management Division, Washington State Department of Game, was advised of the nature of the interview concerning an allegation of a civil rights violation involving a demonstration at the Puyallup River during which the nets of MICHAEL TURNIPSEED and DON DILLON were allegedly taken. Mr. SAWYER stated that he is well aware of the "Miranda" warnings which he uses himself.

He could not specifically recall any Indian named DON DILLON or MICHAEL TURNIPSEED, but did recall that on one occasion, possibly in February, 1971, he went to Tacoma, for what reason he could not recall, but not particularly for any demonstration on the Puyallup River, and while in Tacoma he had occasion to go down to the Puyallup River near the Burlington-Northern Railroad. He thought that he might have been with Patrolman ZIMMERMAN and when they approached the area, they found a number of Caucasians and a few Indians. He stated he did not recall the exact situation, who was taking whose net, but he recalled that the net could not be considered a net as it was a string of corks with very little of any netting in the middle in that there was a huge hole. He recalled that it was possibly a demonstration type of net which would not have caught any fish. He also recalled that one of their patrolman named MIRACLE has put a mark on one of the corks of the net so that they at a later date could not be accused of taking this particular net. He advised this is all that he remembers of this incident.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (44-NEW)

SUBJECT: RICHARD ZIMMERMAN;  
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RON SMITH;  
ELLSWORTH SAWYER, aka  
Buzz Sawyer  
BILL FRANK, JR. - VICTIM;  
ALISON ADAMS - VICTIM  
CR

00: Seattle

RE: Seattle letter, dated 4/8/71, captioned  
"UNSUBS (2); HENRY LYLE ADAMS - VICTIM. CR. 00: Seattle".

In referenced letter, the Seattle Office transmitted to the Bureau a letter dated April 7, 1971 from the USA in Seattle, wherein he requested substantial detailed investigation in the matter involving HENRY LYLE ADAMS. In his letter he specified five separate matters in which he desired specific investigation that was unrelated to the ADAMS' matter and asked that they be reported separately.

One of them involved an allegation that on January 25, 1971, the subjects, employees of the Washington State Game Department, acting on the Nisqually River, seized steelhead fish from the victim, BILL FRANK, after placing him under arrest, but not taking him into custody, forcefully took a steelhead from ALISON ADAMS, the other victim, and tossed a heavy metal grappling hook at ALISON ADAMS' father, ALVIN BRIDGES, when BRIDGES refused to beach his boat to submit to arrest or confiscation of his net.

This investigation is being conducted and will be reported separately.

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Approved: Seattle 1971  
JEM/cj Special Agent in Charge  
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